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OUR FATHER'S GOD—"And the Lord appeared unto him, and said, . . . Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee. . . . Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and Isaac dwelt in Gerar."—Gen. 26: 2-6.

Red Grange is going to play football in Portland next Saturday. A big crowd is anticipated—90 per cent of them going to see the man who has made a half million dollars in three months and the other ten to see a football game.

Congress is still working away at the new tax measure and people are still in doubt as to what schedule will affect their income tax return for the past year. Blanks are not to be had and everything is being shaped for a grand rush of filing at the eleventh hour.

### MITCHELL CASE CLOSED.

President Coolidge has modified the sentence of Colonel William Mitchell after reviewing his courtmartial. Instead of being denied all allowances (which are worth much to one having the rank of colonel) and all pay for the five-year suspension period, Mitchell can receive all allowances and half his pay. Now he can accept the sentence and do as he pleases for five years—except that he may not talk too much—or he can tender his resignation to the president. The latter course would seem more attractive. Then he could talk as much as he might wish. No one can blame Coolidge for his reviewing decision. For the sake of army discipline, he could not modify the sentence more. The entire military structure is built on discipline and to let a colonel get away with insubordination would let down the bars throughout the service. Mitchell is probably the last person to object to his sentence. He never denied his guilt, but he did seek to prove that his charges against the army and navy administration were true.

### DISILLUSION.

An immigrant at night broke a window in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and was arrested as he was climbing through the breach in the crystal. To the police he protested vehemently against being deprived of the right of a free man in a free country. He could not understand why a free public institution should be locked up, and since it was locked why he did not have the right to break in and feast his eyes and soul. He was removed to the psychopathic ward for examination.

There was no doubt in the minds of the police who arrested the man that he was mentally unbalanced. In the opinion of those policemen the window-breaker's definition of liberty and freedom was the product of a deranged mind. Because the alien carried the idea of liberty too far, policemen born in the "land of liberty" rushed him to a hospital for the insane.

No small number of persons come to this country with the firmly fixed belief that they will not find here any of those restrictions which they found intolerable in their native country. They are sincerely resentful when they find here as many laws as they were subject to at home, and that those laws are as ruthlessly enforced here as in the Old Country. Finding they can not do whatever pleases them they come to regard themselves as the victims of tyranny, and so they are—of the tyranny necessary to the preservation of civilization.

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### OUT OUR WAY

By WILLIAMS



A SAD ENDING.



The supposition that goats can eat anything is no reason why wives should be so careless about what they serve hubby!

Fiera Dumbbell of La Grande is of the opinion that a Hip Song is a bottle of bootleg.

### LOOK OUT

The child was taken to Dr. Becker, and although it is a serious case, he hopes the eye will come out all right.

Customer—How's chances on a drink?  
Waiter—I'll give you the drink, but you take your own chances.

The Convalescent—"Did you have my brown suit cleaned and pressed while I was in the hospital?"

His Wife—"No, I had your black suit fixed up. I thought that would be better in case anything should happen."

### NOT FOR PRESERVES

Preserving the peace is a wonderful thing;  
The man who can do it's a star.

But this peace preserving can not be done  
By using a Family Jar.

Sign on the back of a Ford—  
"Jim Returned From Florida. Barnum Was Right."

The fellow who'd rather win an

argument than clinch a sale is first cousin to Hoot McNutt.

Paris makes no parade no valets for gowns. They are not needed. Young men grab their babies around the neck nowadays.

The American commissioners who will take part in the Chinese conference will at least know how to read their laundry tickets when they return home.

Wigg—Do you believe in heredity?  
Wage—No; the Father of his country could not tell a lie, but you don't find any of his children with the same trouble.

They say it took millions of years to make us what we are and still we don't appreciate it.

### LIFE

Life is not so funny.  
And it's not so bad.  
Just a happy mixture  
Of both good and bad.

A professional singer was in an automobile accident the other day. A newspaper, after recording the accident, added—"We are happy to state that she was able to ap-

pear the following evening in four pieces."

"So you don't believe in vaccination, Mrs. Acronomy?"  
"No, indeed, Belia. Three weeks after little Yekel was vaccinated he fell out of the window and broke his neck."

You can't always tell whether a man is worried because he makes little or makes little because he worries.

### EITHER IS BAD

Disconsolate One—"I wish I were dead!"  
Consoler—"Why? Can't you marry her—or did you?"

The prize egotist is the man who tells what he feels he used to be.

### Erl speaks at Pomeroy.

LEWISTON, Ida.—Judge George H. Erl, chairman of the commercial club committee that is encouraging a north and south Idaho railroad along the Snake river, addressed the Pomeroy Commercial club, upon invitation of that body. Judge Erl outlined the railroad program that the commercial club has adopted for the year.

## Yesterday In Washington

(By The Associated Press)

The aluminum hearing was ended.

The house passed the navy appropriation bill.

The senate voted to limit debate on the world court.

Federal Judge Harry B. Anderson was exonerated by a senate sub-committee of charges against him.

President Coolidge reduced the Mitchell courtmartial sentence to allow him half pay and allowance during his five-year suspension.

### Will Dedicate Gymnasium.

FERDINAND, Idaho.—The new Ferdinand gymnasium will be dedicated as a basketball court when Ferdinand's first basketball team will meet the second team of Nez Perce. The Ferdinand squad has been out a week and indications are that the local boys will have a fair team. A first team has been picked as follows: Gordon Sassy and Bachus Moody, forwards; "Tuffy" Jones, center; Horace Anderson and Wayne Peterson, guards.

Plans are under way now for another gymnasium benefit dance and program for February 13.

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